

## **Rutherford County Airport Authority Meeting**

October 9, 2012

Present: Authority members – Bob Howard, Chairman; Keith Hunter, Vice Chairman; Bob Ralph, Rob Bole and Jamie Lou Padgett.

Also present: Beth Miller, Airport Authority attorney; James Luther, WK Dickson; Chris Roach, Russell Hyde, George Ronan, Jane Ronan, Boyce Abernathy, Bill Eckler, Rusty Washburn and Brooke Watson.

Bob H. opened the meeting. Jamie Lou led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance (was led by Bob H).

Minutes – Bob H moved to approve September minutes and all were in favor.

Public Comments – Bob H. mentioned receiving a note that was left under the door at the airport. The note wanted the airport authority to discuss the \$75.00 callout fee, the 2 hour minimum after hour's callout fee, and the ability to except cash.

### **Old Business**

WK Dickson- James stated there should be an answer about the appraisal by next Friday.

Rules & Regulations Revision Update - Bob H. is working on the Appendix B section and he asked other members to look over the Appendix A.

### **New Business**

Hangar Inspection Update Abandoned Aircraft in Hangars – Keith mentioned that the inspection stated that some hangars do not have fire extinguishers. He was waiting for a response from the Building Inspections office for further information. Keith also mentioned the airplane had been moved that belonged to Mr. Ziomek, who owes for 4 months rent. Everyone else is up to date on hangar rent except for Tabor Hyde, who owes for July.

Up-date on RFI from potential FBO's- Bob H. reported that there had been one person interested in the FBO position; who is from the east coast.

Pricing policy – Bob H. motioned for a discussion on the airport manager vacancy. Bob H. has been handling the responsibilities and asked to be temporary airport manager until position is filled. Bob Ralph suggested that it be discussed on a month to month basis. Keith made a motion to accept Bob H. has temporary manager and discussed on a month to month basis. All were in favor.

Bob H. discussed the cost of fuel. If a plane is based on the field, they receive a \$.10 cent discount. Purchasing a full load of 100L cost \$4.71 per gallon compared to purchasing a half load of 100L for \$4.81. So the fuel has varied in the past months from .40 to .50 cent increases per gallon.

Report on County/State/Airport Meeting – Bob H. mentioned a meeting with the Carl Classen, County Manager; Matt Blackwell, EDC Director; and Dion Vienicelli about the future of the airport. They discussed running water, fiber, and phase 3 power to the airport. They discussed the role of EDC in bringing in new companies and having the availability to store planes, transportation and lodging. They also discussed getting TDA involved to bring in visitors to the airport. Bob H. also mentioned that there will be another meeting within the next few weeks involving TDA and the TDA in Lake Lure along with the County Manager, and EDC Director.

Bob H. mentioned if the state saw tangible reports that it might open up for more grant money. The status of the recent grants are in good shape.

#### **Airport Manager's Report**

Chris reported sales of 10,834 gallons for September compared to last year's 3,000 gallons. Bob H. reported the 100L truck needing maintenance and creating a monthly checklist for all vehicles.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.